जागरूकता पैदा करने, विकास कार्य करने तथा अनुप्रयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए आभास वास्तविकता विशेष अभिरूचि बल का गठन किया गया है।

Inter-State River Water Sharing

342. SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to frame guidelines for sharing of water from inter-State rivers;

(b) if not, the specific steps proposed to be taken on the sharing of waters; and

(c) the steps taken to settle the inter-State river water disputes pending between different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for adopting a National Policy guidelines for water allocation of inter-State rivers amongst States to provide a basis for allocation of waters of inter-State rivers.

(c) Under Article 262 of the Constitution of India, the Government of India has enacted inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 for adjudication of disputes relating to waters of Inter-State rivers and river valleys. In the past, sharing of waters of many inter-State rivers have been solved amicably through negotiations and inter-State agreements arrived at. In a few cases where this procedure could not produce the desired result, the disputes had been settled through water dispute tribunals as in the case of—

1. Krishna Water Disputes
2. Godavari Water Disputes
3. Narmada Water Disputes

At present Ravi-Beas and Cauvery Water Disputes are under adjudication in Tribunals.

On the recommendations of National Water Resources Council, the Union Government set up a Standing Committee in April, 1990 under the Chairmanship of Minister for Water Resources with Union Ministers for Agriculture, Energy and Urban Development, Ministers of State for Environment & Forests and Science & Technology as Members and Chief Ministers of concerned States as special invitees to resolve issues connected with inter-State water disputes.

Stockists of Hindustan Paper Corporation

343. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Paper Corporation has appointed stockists for Gurgaon;

(b) if so, what was the criteria adopted;

(c) when was the total number of applicants;

(d) on what criterial Hindustan Paper Corporation has appointed M/s. Jackson Mayo and Golden Newsprints as stockist at Delhi; and

(e) what was the total number of applicants and the reasons for which they were not selected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (e) Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. recently appointed one stockist for Gurgaon and two stockists for Delhi (M/s. Jackson Mayo & Associates and M/s. Golden Newsprint Pvt. Ltd.) on provisional basis.

According to Hindustan Paper Corporation, the main criteria for appointment of stockists are their ability to place indents, stock their goods and sell their products in the market in bulk quantity and at the same time ensuring timely payment.